

"Big Meadows."

Prattville Plumas Co., Cal.

July 21, 1881.

Mr. George Watson,

Dear Friend,

Your favor  
of June 16. came to hand some time since,  
I felt sad at the disappointment, in not  
having the Cypripedium bear Mr. Pringle's name.  
It was a selfish wish of mine, and had I  
considered the fitness of things more, would  
not have made it known; a few years ago  
when he had some kind of a degree con-  
ferred on him by the State of Vermont, he  
said in a letter to me, that he "would deem  
it a greater honor to have a Lilaceous plant  
bear his name;" knowing his wish, and feeling  
greatly in his debt, for his <sup>kind</sup> ~~great~~ help in

in what little botanical work I have  
been able do, is my apology for troubling you  
in this way,

If you think proper, to dedicate the  
plant to me, I shall deem it a great  
honor, and a mark of your good will  
toward me,

I send you, what I take to be a  
*Eupatorium*, that I do not think I have  
had before. If it is a form of *E. occidentale*  
it is very peculiar,

yours Sincerely  
R. H. Austin